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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. John H. Stein
Deputy Director for Operations
Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Heightening Awareness of Soviet "Active Measures"

We are encouraged by the start which has been made in heightening awareness of Soviet "active measures" and wish to express appreciation for the considerable support already given by CIA to these efforts. As you know, this is a program in which Secretary Haig is personally interested. As the result of a U.S. initiative, the North Atlantic Council has been seized of the question and sanitized documents based on CIA's excellent Inter-agency Intelligence Memoranda of August 1981 have been passed to our NATO allies. Further steps to maintain the momentum are planned for Europe.

We now also intend to move beyond our current focus on our NATO allies and extend our consciousness raising campaign to other areas of the world. The Far East and the South-West Pacific have been selected for the first step in this expansion. In this connection, we believe it would be most helpful if CIA could produce a fully classified memorandum which is focused specifically on Soviet "active measures" in the East Asian and Pacific region. Such a paper would give our subsequent operational efforts a strong basis in research and minimize the possibility of embarrassing inaccuracies. The study on East Asia would be most useful if it could be completed by November 30.

As indicated, it is our intention to increase public attention directed at Soviet "active measures" on a worldwide basis. In the light of our experience with this campaign in Europe and the Far East, we will be requesting further intelligence assistance from CIA as we progressively expand our sights to Africa, Latin America and the Middle East/South Asia regions.



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